

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 15 May 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-10, 21-22 and 25-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicant's amendment, filed 15 May 2007, has been received and entered into the record, and respectfully and carefully considered.
2. As a result of the amendment, claims 1, 3, 8, 11, 13, 18, 21-23 and 25-28 have been amended; claims 4, 14, 24 and 29-30 are canceled. No new claims have been added. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-23 and 25-28 are currently pending in the present application.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The examiner acknowledges the information disclosure statement (IDS) is submitted on 15 May 2007. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and CFR 1.98(a)(2). Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. As a result of the amendments to claim 1, the examiner withdraws the pending claim rejection for claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.
5. The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's amendment to claims 21-23 and 25-28 below. Therefore, the examiner withdraws pending claim rejection for claims 21-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Amy Pattillo, on 4 June 2007.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Claims 3, 11-13, 15-20 and 23 are canceled.
- Replace claims 1 and 21, lines 1-5 of claim 22, lines 1-5 of claim 25, lines 1-5 of claim 26, lines 1-5 of claim 27 and lines 1-4 of claim 28 as below:

(Claim 1). A method for security screening of electronic devices, comprising:

detecting an identifier from an electronic device comprising a plurality of components through a radio frequency identifier reader, wherein said identifier specifies a manufacturer and a type of product of product for said electronic device;

detecting an additional identifier for an additional component of said electronic device which alters an original configuration of said plurality of components of said electronic device by said manufacturer;

querying a database with said identifier and said additional identifier for information about said electronic device and said additional component, wherein said database comprises information identifying for each separate identifier from among a plurality of unique identifiers of a plurality of electronic devices a separate original configuration and physical weights and for each separate

additional identifier from among a plurality of additional identifiers of a plurality of additional components a separate image;

responsive to receiving said information about said electronic device and said additional component from said database, comparing at least one real-time scanned characteristic of said electronic device and said additional component with said information;

responsive to said at least one real-time scanned characteristic matching said information, indicating by an x-ray system the electronic device is secure; and

responsive to said at least one real-time scanned characteristic not matching said information, indicating by said x-ray system said electronic device is not secure and providing an alert by said x-ray system through an alert system to an attendant to hand check said electronic device.

(Claim 21) A computer program product stored only on a volatile or non-volatile computer operable medium for security screening of electronic devices, said computer program product comprising machine executable instructions ~~which when executed by a computer system~~ that executed by the computer system to:

detect an identifier from an electronic device comprising a plurality of components through a radio frequency identifier reader, wherein said identifier specifies a manufacturer and a type of product for said electronic device;

detect an additional identifier for an additional component of said electronic device which alters an original configuration of said plurality of components of said electronic device by said manufacturer;

query a database with said identifier and said additional identifier for information about said electronic device and said additional component, wherein said database comprises information identifying for each separate identifier from among a plurality of unique identifiers of a plurality of electronic devices a separate original configuration and physical weights and for each separate additional identifier from among a plurality of additional identifiers of a plurality of additional components a separate image;

responsive to receiving said information about said electronic device and said additional component, compare at least one real-time scanned characteristic of said electronic device and said additional component with said information; and

responsive to said at least one real-time scanned characteristic matching said information, indicate the electronic device is secure; and

responsive to said at least one real-time scanned characteristic not matching said information, indicate said electronic device is not secure and providing an alert through an alert system to an attendant to hand check said electronic device.

(Claim 22) The computer program product of claim 21 for security screening wherein said computer program product further comprises machine executable instructions ~~which when executed by the computer system~~ that executed by the computer system to

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(Claim 25) The computer program product of claim 21 for security screening wherein said computer program product further comprises machine executable instructions ~~which when executed by the computer system~~ that executed by the computer system to:

(Claims 26) The computer program product of claim 21 for security screening wherein said computer program product further comprises machine executable instructions ~~which when executed by the computer system~~ that executed by the computer system to:

(Claim 27) The computer program product of claim 21 for security screening wherein said computer program product further comprises machine executable instructions ~~which when executed by the computer system~~ that executed by the computer system to:

(Claim 28) The computer program product of claim 21 for security screening wherein said computer program product further comprises machine executable instructions ~~which when executed by the computer system~~ that executed by the computer system to:

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-2, 5-10, 21-22 and 25-28 are allowed.

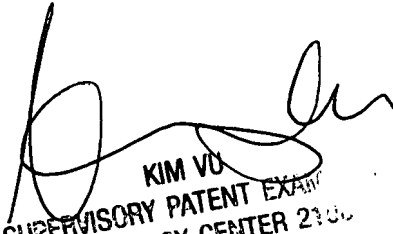
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to April Y. Shan whose telephone number is (571) 270-1014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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